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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Inventor:	Robert Fuller)		
)	Group Art Unit:	2834
Serial No.:	09/740,322)		
)	Examiner:	Lam, Thanh
Filed:	December 18, 2000)		

Title: POWER GENERATION SYSTEM INCLUDING AN APPARATUS FOR
ATTACHING A GENERATOR STATOR CORE TO FRAME SUPPORT AND
ASSOCIATED METHODS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

**Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 21, 2002, Applicant submits the following remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the application. The Examiner has restricted the current application to the set of claims 1-27 (apparatus claims) or claims 28-29 (method claims). The Examiner has further restricted apparatus claims 1-27 to one of the subsets of claims 1-9, claims 10-15, claims 16-20, claims 22-27, or claims 28-29. Applicant hereby elects claims 1-9 and

respectfully traverses the portion of the restriction requirement that restricts claims 1-27 to one subset of either claims 1-9, claims 10-15, claims 16-20, or claims 22-27.

Traverse of Restriction Requirement

Applicant respectfully submits that the examination of claims 1-27 in the current application do not present a "serious burden" as required by MPEP § 803 and respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of the portion of the restriction requirement that restricts claims 1-27 to one subset either claims 1-9, claims 10-15, claims 16-20, or claims 22-27.

There are two requirements for a proper restriction requirement: (1) the inventions must be independent or distinct; **and** (2) there must be a serious burden on the Examiner. MPEP § 803. The second requirement - serious burden - may be established, for example, by showing that separate classifications are involved. As the Examiner pointed out in the Office Action at page 2, paragraph 1, claims 1-27 are in the same class and subclass (class 310, subclass 91). The Examiner has not presented any other reason or explanation for why examining claims 1-27 in the current application would present a serious burden. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of the portion of the restriction requirement that restricts claims 1-27 to one of the subsets of claims 1-9, claims 10-15, claims 16-20, or claims 22-27.

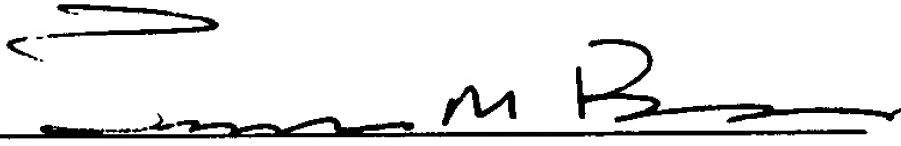
CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of the restriction of claims 1-27. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this paper or application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to resolve such issue or question.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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